

*This Congress is supported by donations or purchase of exhibition space by the companies listed in the Congress App.  
This support is limited to meeting the cost of the Congress, with no input into the scientific programme.  
Whilst the overall programme has been designed based on the principles of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, depending on the symposia that delegates select to attend, some imbalance from an EDI perspective may be apparent.*

### Day 1 – Monday 27th April

09:00 – **Registration open for Continuing Education Programme and Congress delegates | Park Suite Foyer**  
*Light breakfast items available*

**10:00 – 12:00** **Continuing Education Programme**  
**Communication in Toxicology – Translating Science for Society | Brueton Suite**

Chairs: TBC

10:00 – 10:10 Session overview and aims

10:10 – 10:35 Fundamentals of science communication – Speaker TBC

10:35 – 11:00 Transparency and trust: Talking about animal research - Wendy Jarrett (Understanding Animal Research)

11:00 – 11:25 Case studies in public health communication - Robie Kamanyire (UK Health Security Agency)

11:25 – 11:50 From theory to practice: What would you say? – Speaker TBC

11:50 – 12:00 CEP reflection and discussion

11:00 – 12:00 **BTS Scientific Subcommittee meeting | The Eversfield**  
*Open to SSC members only*

12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch & trade exhibition | Park Bar**  
**Poster viewing | Gloucester Suite**

13:00 – 13:20 **Congress opening | Brueton Suite**  
*Including presentation of the President's Award, plus recognition of new Fellows and Honorary Fellows of the BTS*  
  
Phil Botham (Syngenta)

13:20 – 14:00 **Plenary lecture | Brueton Suite**  
  
Role of artificial intelligence in the future of toxicology – Speaker TBC  
  
Chair: Phil Botham (Syngenta)

14:00 – 14:30 **Kevin Park Award lecture | Brueton Suite**  
*This award recognises an outstanding contribution to toxicology by a mid-career member of the Society*  
  
Metabolism-driven immunomodulation: Harnessing trained innate responses for therapeutic benefit and safer medicines – Neill Liptrott (University of Liverpool)  
  
Chair: Ian Copple (University of Liverpool)

14:30 – 15:00	<b>Refreshments &amp; trade exhibition   Park Bar</b> <b>Poster viewing   Gloucester Suite</b>	
15:00 – 17:00	<b>Symposium 1 – AI in action: Bridging theory and practice   Brueton Suite</b>  <i>Hosted by Computational &amp; In Silico Toxicology speciality section</i>  Chairs: Ciarán Fisher (GSK) and Alex Cayley (Lhasa)	<b>Symposium 2 – Transgenerational toxicological effects in humans   Malvern Suite</b>  <i>Hosted by Clinical &amp; Human Toxicology speciality section</i>  Chair: Mat van de Pette (UKHSA)
15:00 – 15:30	Presentation 1 – Speaker TBC	Presentation 1 – Speaker TBC
15:30 – 16:00	Presentation 2 – Speaker TBC	Presentation 2 – Michelle Bellingham (University of Glasgow)
16:00 – 16:30	Presentation 3 – Speaker TBC	Presentation 3 – Mike Skinner (Washington State University, USA)
16:30 – 16:45	Symposium reflection and discussion	Symposium reflection and discussion
16:45 – 17:00	Flash poster presentations	Flash poster presentations
17:00 – 17:45	<b>Poster viewing and judging   Gloucester Suite</b> <i>Judges will visit posters to talk to presenters eligible for the pre- and post-doctoral prizes about their work.</i>	
17:45 – 18:45	<b>BTS Annual General Meeting   Malvern Suite</b> <i>Open to all BTS members, the AGM is your opportunity to learn about the Society's activities and strategy, ask questions of the Society's leadership and help shape the future of the Society.</i>	
18:45 – 21:00	<b>Drinks reception   Park Bar</b> <i>Chat with old friends and make new ones. BTS Executive Committee members will be identified by their congress badges and approachable by all members to ask questions and make suggestions – it's your Society!</i>	
19:30 – 21:00	<b>Networking session – Hazard Ahead!   Brueton Suite</b> <i>A fast-paced game of toxic connections... play, connect and compete over puzzles, food and fun! Hosted by the BTS Network for Early Stage Toxicologists (NEST). Open to all delegates at no additional cost. Food and drinks will be provided. A great opportunity to expand your network. Prizes on offer for the best team!</i>	

## Day 2 – Tuesday 28th April

08:00 –	<b>Registration open for Congress delegates   Park Suite Foyer</b>	
08:15 – 08:45	<b>BTS Ambassadors meeting   The Eversfield</b> <i>Open to current Ambassadors, those interested in becoming an Ambassador, and those curious about the Ambassadors scheme and its goals.</i>	
09:00 – 11:00	<b>Symposium 3 – New science-based approaches for hazard characterisation and classification   Brueton Suite</b>  <i>Hosted by the Regulatory Toxicology speciality section</i>  Chairs: Phil Botham (Syngenta / Regulatory Science Associates) and Fiona Sewell (NC3Rs)	<b>Symposium 4 – Safety of advanced therapeutic modalities   Malvern Suite</b>  <i>MRC Integrated Toxicology Training Partnership biennial symposium, hosted in collaboration with the Mechanistic &amp; Discovery Toxicology speciality section</i>  Chairs: Kirsti Hornigold (MRC Toxicology Unit), Marion MacFarlane (MRC Toxicology Unit) and Nic Coltman (Apconix)

09:00 – 09:30	Carcinogenicity – John Doe (Liverpool John Moores University)	How to drug the undruggable: the advent of targeted protein degraders and their safety assessment – Monica Rodriguez (AstraZeneca)
09:30 – 10:00	Repeat dose toxicity – Heli Hollnagel (Dow Europe, Switzerland)	Safety considerations for the development of cereblon-recruiting targeted protein degraders – HESI Working Group for the Safety of Targeted Protein Degraders
10:00 – 10:30	Endocrine disruption – Helen Tinwell (Bayer Crop Science, France)	Mechanisms underpinning antisense oligonucleotide toxicity – Ritwick Sawarkar (MRC Toxicology Unit)
10:30 – 10:45	Symposium reflection and discussion	Symposium reflection and discussion
10:45 – 11:00	Flash poster presentations	Flash poster presentations

11:00 – 11:30	<b>Refreshments &amp; trade exhibition   Park Bar</b> <b>Poster viewing   Gloucester Suite</b>	
---------------	---	--

11:30 – 12:15	<b>Paton Prize lecture   Brueton Suite</b> <i>This award celebrates a distinguished leader in toxicology, safety science and associated disciplines</i>  Translational drug safety: Challenges and opportunities – Ruth Roberts (Apconix / University of Birmingham)  Chair: Tim Gant (UKHSA/Imperial College London)	
---------------	--	--

12:15 – 12:45	<b>Poster viewing and judging   Gloucester Suite</b> <i>Judges will visit posters to talk to presenters eligible for the pre- and post-doctoral prizes about their work</i>	
---------------	--	--

12:45 – 13:45	<b>Lunch &amp; trade exhibition   Park Bar</b> <b>Poster viewing   Gloucester Suite</b>	
	13:00 – 13:30 <b>Sponsored lunchtime symposium 1   Room TBC</b>  New for 2026 - get in touch with <a href="mailto:meetings@thebts.org">meetings@thebts.org</a> if your organisation is keen to connect with delegates through one of these slots!  <i>Please collect your lunch from the Park Bar and bring it with you to the symposium.</i>	13:00 – 13:30 <b>Sponsored lunchtime symposium 2   Room TBC</b>  New for 2026 - get in touch with <a href="mailto:meetings@thebts.org">meetings@thebts.org</a> if your organisation is keen to connect with delegates through one of these slots!  <i>Please collect your lunch from the Park Bar and bring it with you to the symposium.</i>

13:45 – 15:00	<b>Oral communications</b> <i>Hosted by the BTS Network for Early Stage Toxicologists (NEST) and early career members. These sessions showcase the top ranked abstracts covering a variety of research topics. All welcome!</i>	
	<b>Oral communications 1   Brueton Suite</b>  Chairs: Early career members, TBC	<b>Oral communications 2   Malvern Suite</b>  Chairs: Early career members, TBC
13:45 – 14:00	Presentation 1	Presentation 1
14:00 – 14:15	Presentation 2	Presentation 2
14:15 – 14:30	Presentation 3	Presentation 3
14:30 – 14:45	Presentation 4	Presentation 4

14:45 – 15:00	Presentation 5	Presentation 5
15:00 – 15:30	<b>Refreshments &amp; trade exhibition   Park Bar</b> <b>Poster viewing   Gloucester Suite</b>	
15:30 – 17:30	<b>Symposium 5 – ‘Omics technologies taking risk assessment into the 21st century   Brueton Suite</b>  <i>Hosted by the Risk Assessment speciality section</i>  Chairs: Susy Brescia (Health & Safety Executive) and Georgia Reynolds (Unilever)	<b>Study Director Workshop   Malvern Suite</b>  <i>Focusing on practical approaches to real-life challenges faced by Study Directors and Study Monitors during nonclinical study conduct.</i>  Chairs: Warren Harvey (ICON Drug Development Solutions) and Keal Gracey (Labcorp)
15:30 – 15:55	‘Omics technologies: Setting the scene – Mark Viant (University of Birmingham)	15:30 – 16:00 The use of NAMs to derisk drug induced liver injury in early discovery – Julie Eakins (Cyprotex)
15:55 – 16:20	Regulatory readiness of ‘omics technologies for chemical risk assessment: Opportunities and challenges – Tomasz Sobanski (European Chemicals Agency, Finland)	16:00 – 16:30 Presentation 2 – Speaker TBC
16:20 – 16:45	Applying metabolomics: Insights from a case study and future directions – Hennicke Kamp (German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment)	16:30 – 17:00 Presentation 3 – Speaker TBC
16:45 – 17:10	Applying transcriptomics: Insights from a case study and future directions – Giulia Callegaro (Universiteit Leiden, the Netherlands)	17:00 – 17:30 Presentation 4 – Speaker TBC
17:10 – 17:30	Symposium reflection and discussion	
17:30 –	<b>Removal of posters   Gloucester Suite</b> <i>Presenters to remove their posters. All posters remaining at the end of day 2 of the meeting will be discarded.</i>	
19:00 – 00:00	<b>Pre-dinner drinks reception   Park Bar</b> <b>Followed by Congress dinner, prize giving &amp; entertainment   Brueton Suite</b>	

Day 3 – Wednesday 29th April		
08:30 –	Registration open for Congress delegates   Park Suite Foyer	
09:30 – 11:15	<b>Symposium 6 – Towards practical application of next generation risk assessment for assuring environmental safety   Brueton Suite</b>  <i>Hosted by the Ecotoxicology speciality section in collaboration with SETAC UK</i>  Chairs: Natalie Burden (NC3Rs) and Audrey Pearson (Environment Agency)	<b>Symposium 7 – Safety aspects of drug and device development for the treatment of diabetes   Malvern Suite</b>  <i>Hosted by the Translational Toxicology speciality section</i>  Chairs: Keith McLuckie (Cell & Gene Therapy Catapult) and Lucy Smith (CS Life Sciences)
09:30 – 09:55	A framework for environmental NGRA with example case studies – Claudia Rivetti (Unilever)	09:30 – 10:00 Presentation 1 – Shareen Forbes (University of Edinburgh)

09:55 – 10:20	New pharma legislation as a regulatory sandbox: Unlocking NAMs for chemical safety assessment – Sam Maynard (AstraZeneca)	10:00 – 10:30	Presentation 2 – Sabih Chaudhry (Afon Technology)
10:20 – 10:45	Integrating new approach methods for in vitro bioactivity, quantitative in vitro-in vivo extrapolation and exposure to support next generation risk assessment – Jon Arnot (Arnot Research and Consulting / University of Toronto, Canada)	10:30 – 11:00	Polymorphisms and the changing shape of DNA in the insulin gene – Zoe Waller (University College London)
10:45 – 11:00	Symposium reflection and discussion	11:00 – 11:15	Symposium reflection and discussion
11:00 – 11:15	Flash poster presentations: Highlighting selected posters on display at the joint BTS-SETAC UK workshop that follows the BTS Congress		

11:15 – 11:45 **Refreshments & trade exhibition | Park Bar**  
**Poster viewing (BTS-SETAC UK workshop posters only) | Park Bar**

11:45 – 12:45 **BTS Speciality Section discussions**  
*Open to all delegates – discussion of future activities and meeting topics, led by speciality section coordinators. Join one of the discussions if you are affiliated with a speciality section, interested in affiliation, or just curious!*

Clinical and Human Toxicology section | Gloucester 1  
Computational and In Silico Toxicology section | The Eversfield  
Ecotoxicology section | Brueton Suite  
Mechanistic and Discovery Toxicology section | Brueton Suite  
Regulatory Toxicology section | Malvern Suite  
Risk Assessment section | Gloucester 2  
Translational Toxicology section | Tolkien

12:45 – 13:15 **ASPET invitation lecture | Brueton Suite**  
*This lecture is given by a member of the American Society for Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics, selected by their Toxicology Division to network in the UK as part of the BTS-ASPET exchange scheme*

A critical evaluation of the role of ferroptosis in drug-induced liver injury – Hartmut Jaeschke (University of Kansas Medical Center, USA)

Chair: Neill Liptrott (University of Liverpool)

13:15 – 13:30 **Congress closing | Brueton Suite**  
Tim Gant (UKHSA/Imperial College London)

13:30 – **Lunch (to eat in or take away) | Park Bar**

13:30 – 18:00 **Joint BTS-SETAC UK satellite workshop – Science shaping regulation: Towards adoption of animal-free, exposure-driven approaches in UK chemical regulation | Gloucester Suite**

*Programme under development. Please note spaces for this workshop are limited and a separate registration process will be used. Registration and attendance at the BTS Annual Congress does not guarantee a place at the workshop. To register an expression of interest in attending the workshop, complete the form [here](#) by the deadline of **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026**. Following this date, SETAC UK will follow up with instructions for registering and submitting abstracts for the workshop.*